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REFERENCE: JULY QUARTERLY REPORT (04/01/2015 - 06/30/2015)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 1 item(s):

- While it is permissible for a person to make a contribution for the general election prior to the primary election, the recipient committee must employ an acceptable accounting method to distinguish between primary and general election contributions. (11 CFR § 102.9(e)) This general election amount must be maintained in the committee's account.

Since the candidate is no longer seeking office for the 8th Congressional district in Illinois and will not participate in the general election, any contribution received for the general election must be returned to the donors, in accordance with 11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3). The use of general election contributions to pay primary debts and obligations is prohibited under the Act as such use could result in individuals making contributions with respect to the primary election in excess of the \$2,700 per election limit.

In addition, if the general election amount is transferred to a committee supporting the candidate for another office, these general election contributions should be disclosed as memo entries supporting the transfer. It should be clear for the public record that any remaining 2016 general contributions have been transferred. The attached contributions appear to be unremedied general election contributions.

Any subsequent report(s) filed with the Commission must disclose the refund